

The following is an excerpt from the part, concerning the treatment of prisoners of war, in War Minister TOJO's Instructions Delivered to the Commander of the Zentsuji Division, on his visit of inspection thereto on May 30, 1942:

"To this Division is attached a prisoner of war camp. Prisoners of war must be placed under strict discipline as far as it does not contravene the law of humanity. It is necessary to take care not to be obsessed with a mistaken idea of humanitarianism or swayed by personal feelings towards those prisoners of war which may grow in the long time of their imprisonment. The present situation of affairs in this country does not permit anyone to lie idle doing nothing but eating freely. With that in view, in dealing with the prisoners of war, too, I hope you will see that they may be usefully employed."

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W.D.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

I.P.S. No. 1547-A

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Nakanishi, Sadayoshi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Acting Director of the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 1 pages, dated 30 May, 1942, and described as follows: Excerpt from the part, concerning the treatment of prisoners of war, in War Minister TOJO's instructions delivered to the Commander of the Zentsuji Division on his visit of inspection thereto on May 30, 1942. I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): Prisoner of War Information Bureau

Signed at Tokyo on this  
4th day of September, 1946.

/s/ Nakanishi Sadayoshi  
Signature of Official  
SEAL

Witness: /s/ Koji Yokoi

Acting Director  
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, John Curtis, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this  
4th day of Sept., 1946

/s/ J. A. Curtis 2nd Lt. MI  
NAME

Witness: /s/ Richard H. Larsh

Investigator  
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停虜ハ人道ニ反シナイ限ル嚴重ニ取締リ苟モ誤レ  
ル人道主義ニ陥リ又ハ收容久シキニ亘ル結果情實  
ニ陥ルカ如キコトナイ様注意ヲ要シマス又我國現  
下ノ情勢ハ一ハトシテ無爲徒食スルモノアルヲ許  
サナイノデアリマス、停虜モ亦此ノ趣旨ニ鑑ミ大  
ニ之ヲ活用セラルル様注意ヲ望ミマス」

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Document No. 1547-B

Notification from the Director of the Prisoner of  
War Custody Division of the Ministry of War, to  
Army Units Concerned

Subject: Labor Imposed upon Prisoner of War Officers and  
Non-Commissioned Officers (POW No. 4-2, June 3, 1942)

Although the imposition of labor upon prisoner of war officers and non-commissioned officers is prohibited under Article 1 of the Prisoner of War Labor Regulations (Army Note No. 139, September 10, 1904), it is the policy of the Central Authorities, in view of the present condition of this country which does not allow anyone to lie idle and eat freely, and also with a view to maintaining the health of prisoners of war, to make such officers and non-commissioned officers volunteer to work in accordance with their respective status, intelligence, physical strength, etc. You are, therefore, desired to take proper steps accordingly. The following, it may be added, will be presumably fit lines of labor for such purposes:

1. Various kinds of work in which one's technical skill, learning, etc. may be employed to advantage.
2. Agricultural work.
3. The raising of domestic animals and fowls.
4. The directing of prisoners of war in general labor.
5. Assistance in the collection and compilation of war history materials.
6. Publicity affairs.
7. Miscellaneous, considered fit for the above-mentioned purposes.

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